

Fig. 6 is a sectional view showing essential parts, within the Y-Z plane, of a

B1 viewfinder optical system according to a sixth embodiment of the invention.

Please substitute the following paragraph for the paragraph starting at page 51, line 17 and ending at line 20. A marked-up copy of this paragraph, showing the changes made thereto is attached.

Fig. 7 is a sectional view showing essential parts, within the Y-Z plane, of a

B2 viewfinder optical system according to a seventh embodiment of the invention.

Please substitute the following paragraph for the paragraph starting at page 53, line 7 and ending at line 10. A marked-up copy of this paragraph, showing the changes made thereto is attached.

Fig. 8 is a sectional view showing essential parts, within the Y-Z plane, of a

B3 viewfinder optical system according to an eighth embodiment of the invention.

Please substitute the following paragraph for the paragraph starting at page 68, line 11 and ending at line 15. A marked-up copy of this paragraph, showing the changes made thereto is attached.

B4 Further, in the case of the thirteenth embodiment shown in Fig. 27, there are located, in order along the optical path, the objective lens OL, the pentagonal roof prism 53, the first prism P71, the second prism P72 and the eyepiece lens EL.

Please substitute the following paragraph for the paragraph starting at page 71, line 1 and ending at line 10. A marked-up copy of this paragraph, showing the changes made thereto is attached.

BS Further, in order to suppress ghost and the variation of aberration and to obtain a good viewfinder field, it is preferable that the interval D_g is not greater than "0.04". In addition, in a case where the first prism and the second prism are made of a glass member, there arises a problem in dew condensation if the minute air gap becomes too narrow. As a result, it is preferable that the interval D_g satisfies the following condition:

$$0.02 < D_g \leq 0.04 \quad (\text{unit: mm}).$$

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 1 and 39 to read as follows. A marked-up copy of Claims 1 and 39, showing the changes made thereto, is attached. Note that all the claims currently pending in this application, including those not presently being amended, have been reproduced below for the Examiner's convenience.

SS 1. (Twice Amended) A viewfinder optical system for facilitating a reduction in the size thereof without increasing at least one of the incidence of ghost images and decentering aberration, comprising:

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- an objective lens unit;
 - an image inverting unit for converting an inverted object image formed via said objective lens unit into a non-inverted erecting image; and
 - an eyepiece lens unit for observing the non-inverted erecting image,